

There are seven specimens, collected by Robinson in Annam, of which four are adults and all four exactly alike. I name this bird after the collector.

Type. No. 1919.12.10.356, Langham Peaks, S. Annam; 23rd May, 1918, Robinson and Kloss Coll., British Museum.

The series of *E. m. robinsoni* have wings measuring 103 to 115 mm., as against

E. m. omissus. Wing 106 to 117 mm.

E. m. guttatus. „ 96 to 103 „

E. m. maculatus. „ 100 to 112 „

Henicurus m. lacatus, Bangs, is only a synonym for *E. m. guttatus*, as has already been pointed out by Rothschild.

Mr. J. D. LA TOUCHE sent the following descriptions of new forms of Chinese birds for publication:—

In 'The Ibis,' 1895, pp. 327, 335, I remarked on the difference in colouring between the Pescadores Is. Larks and those of South Formosa; this difference is so evident that, as the Pescadores Is. bird has not yet been separated, I propose to name it as follows:—

Alauda gulgula pescadorei, subsp. nov.

Similar to *Alauda wattersi* of South Formosa, but very rufous all over. Bill shorter than in the latter.

Type. ♂. Fisher Is., Pescadores, 10 February, 1894.

Suthora gularis pallida, subsp. nov.

Near *Suthora gularis* Verreaux, from Moupin (in W. Szechuen), but much paler everywhere. The upper parts from the forehead to the upper tail-coverts clear pale orange-ochre with just a shade of olive on the back; surface of tail and upper tail-coverts paler chestnut; cheeks, lores, and superciliary stripe pure white, only a few fine black hairs starting from the eye over the lores. Wing 49 and 50 mm.

Type. Sex inc. Kuatun, N.W. Fohkien, late winter, 1911.

Three examples from Kuatun, all exactly similar, have been compared with a mounted bird in good condition given to me by Père David out of his private Paris Collection. I had previously considered this specimen, which is labelled "Ssetchuan occ. 30 Janvier, 1869," as darkened by smoke and exposure. A more careful examination, however, has revealed that this is not so; the upperparts and the flanks are actually of a warm chestnut-ochre, the surface of the tail of a very bright chestnut, and the lores and eye-region are much marked with black as in *S. morrisoniana* O.-Grant. The wing in this specimen measures 52 mm., but Père David in 'Les Oiseaux de la Chine' gives wing-measurements as 50 mm.

Heteroxenicus joannæ, sp. nov.

Adult female. Dark olive-brown above; the upper tail-coverts, upper surface of tail, and outer webs of primaries and secondaries (innermost excepted) light and somewhat dull fulvous-brown. Lores and sides of head and neck olive-brown. Pale olive-brown breast and flanks; centre of the breast tinged with buff, rest of underparts pure white. Iris dark brown; bill blackish, base of lower mandible greyish; mouth pink; legs pale violet. 1st primary about half of 2nd, 2nd=10th, 4th and 5th equal and longest, the 3rd primary just below the 6th. Bill stout, broad at base; culmen 13.5 mm.; wing 70 mm.; tail 51 mm.; tarsus 27.

Type. Ad. ♀. Mengtz, S.E. Yunnan, 3 May, 1921.

No male was procured or seen.

Phylloscopus proregulus yunnanensis, subsp. nov.

Adult male. Differs from *P. p. proregulus* in the much less distinct head-stripes, the coronal stripe being but imperfectly indicated, the superciliary stripe paler and greener; in the secondaries being edged throughout with

plain green without any dusky mark below the lower wing-bar. The axillaries and under wing-coverts are paler yellow; the underparts are much suffused with tawny yellow; the flanks are rather dark tawny olive; the bill is a little longer and narrower.

Upper mandible dark purplish-brown, lower mandible dusky-yellowish with dark point; legs green (April).

Bill brown, base of lower mandible orange-flesh; legs brown (October).

Total length 107 mm.; wing 52, 53, 53, 53·5, 54 mm.

2nd primary equals 8th or between 8th and 9th.

Type. ♂. Mengtz, 16 Oct., 1920.

+ ***Acanthopneuste trochiloides claudiaë*, subsp. nov.**

Near *Acanthopneuste t. assamensis* Hart. (*A. t. harterti* S. Baker), but larger and brighter, markings on head very distinct. The underparts are on the whole pale, and in all the 49 examples examined, with the exception of one or two, the under tail-coverts are of a rather bright greenish-yellow. The wing-bars are broad and bright, the white edging and tips of the two outer pairs of rectrices are variable, ranging from very narrow to broad, but never extending over the whole inner web. The upper parts and wing-surface agree with *A. t. fokiensis* Hartert, but the underparts of the latter bird are of a rather bright greenish-yellow. Wing-formula very variable:—One example has the 2nd primary equal to the 7th, ten have it between the 7th and 8th, nineteen equal to the 8th, ten between the 8th and 9th, six equal to the 9th, one between the 9th and 10th, and two equal to the 10th. Wing, ♂, 58–66·5 mm., ♀ 57–62·5 mm., average of 36 males 62·6 mm., of 12 females 59 mm.

Types, ♂, Mengtz, 15 Oct., 1920.

„ ♀, „ 14 Oct., 1920.

Named in honour of Mrs. Hartert.

+ ***Acanthopneuste trochiloides disturbans*, subsp. nov.**

Near *A. t. claudiaë*, but much smaller, the underparts a little brighter and greener (in four out of five examples),

ocular stripe very dark and upper parts of a somewhat brighter green. It also resembles *A. t. fokiensis* Hart., but is less yellow underneath and has a different wing-formula. The edging on outer rectrices is moderate or narrow, unlike *A. t. harterti* S. Baker, which Mr. Baker describes as often covering "nearly the whole of the outer* webs of the outermost pair and sometimes the greater part of the penultimate pair." Wing, ♂ 57-58 mm., ♀ 52-52.5 mm. The second primary equals the 10th or is between the 9th and 10th.

Types, ♂ ♀, Mengtz, 10 Sept. 1920.

* Since corrected to "inner."

The next Meeting of the B. O. C. will be held on Wednesday, the 8th of November, 1922, at PAGANI'S RESTAURANT, 42-48 Great Portland Street, W. 1, the Dinner at 7 p.m. Members intending to dine are requested to inform Mr. W. L. Sclater, Natural History Museum, South Kensington, S.W.

The Annual General Meeting (postponed from October) will be held at PAGANI'S RESTAURANT on the 8th November at 6.15 p.m., immediately preceding the Dinner.

[N.B.—Members who intend to make any communication at the next Meeting of the Club are requested to give notice *beforehand* to the Editor at Nat. Hist. Museum, South Kensington, and to place in his hands *not later than at the meeting* MSS. for publication in the Bulletin.]

(Signed)

W. L. SCLATER,
Chairman.